From my State of Andhra Pradesh lakhs and lakhs of cows, bulls and calves are being taken from rural areas from the farmers and are killed at big towns like Hyderabad. By now, 50 per cent of the cattle wealth has been destroyed. It causes a great danger to the ecological balance of the nature. During 1970—1980, there were 240 cattles per thousand people. Now, the figure has come down to 80 cattles per thousand people. And, if we allow this to continue, by the year 2000 the figure will be 20 cattles per thousand people.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Reddaiah, you take your seat now.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, Shri Reddaiah, you take your seat.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV : Now, the country is facing severe diesel shortage and shortage of fertilizers. The farmers are unable to cope up with their farm work with lack of diesel and they have to depend only on bullock carts for transport and ploughing . . . *(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT (Balaghat) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Madhya Pradesh, Fair Price Shops distributing sugar, edible oils, kerosene and other things earlier used to be in cooperative sector i.e. through cooperative societies commodities used to be distributed, but since the coming into power of BJP Government, F. P. Shops have been handed over to private dealers especially to workers of the BJP, who are diverting goods to blackmarkets instead of distributing among the common men. The Madhya Pradesh Government has not taken any action against the dealers caught red handed by the officials and the people. I think a conspiracy has been hatched to remove cooperative societies from the scene and the Madhya Pradesh Government has utterly failed in making available essential commodities to the poor, tribals, harijans and backward sections of society. I would like to request the Central Government to intervene in the matter and bring the fair price shops under the Co-operative societies so that the poor Adivasis and Harijans could get the essential commodities through fair price shops, and . . . *(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, because of 25 per cent cut in the supply of coal to Thermal Power Plants in Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government, there has been acute scarcity of electricity in the State. Because of this the quantity of electricity generated in these Thermal Power Plants has gone down. The quality of coal being supplied is sub-standard because of which the equipment of the Thermal Power Plants is damaged. Because of this the entire Uttar Pradesh will one day be in the grip of darkness. The stock position of coal is such that the power stations do not have even one day's surplus stock with them. The

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Central Government is adopting a step-motherly attitude in the matter towards Uttar Pradesh.

Sir, the quality of coal is very bad. Stones are being supplied in place of coal as a result of which electricity generation has gone down by 800 megawatts. Because of power cut, big industrialists have been compelled to close down their industries. It is also feared that many people will be rendered jobless because of this. In August, only 7 thousand metric tonnes of coal were supplied instead of 19 thousand metric tonnes to Obra Thermal Power Station. Against a demand of 10 thousand metric tonnes of coal from Anpara only 5400 metric tonnes were supplied to them. Similarly, only 600 metric tonnes of coal were supplied instead of 3 thousand metric tonnes to Pareea. The State is experiencing drought and the crops are drying up for want of irrigation. The state will fall in the grip of darkness at any time because of scarcity of electricity and the industries will also come to a grinding halt. Therefore, I would request the Government through you that sufficient quantity of good quality coal should be supplied to the Thermal Power Stations of Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI (Sitamarhi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Bihar trains from Muzaffarpur to Delhi and Patna to Delhi are running very late. Vaishali Express and Shaheed Express from Muzaffarpur, Magadh Express, Tinsukia Mail and A. C. Express from Patna are running very late. It is causing great hardship to the public. The catering service in these trains is very bad. Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister of Railways to make improvement in it without any delay so that the trains running late by 3-4 hours run on time and the catering service also could be improved.

SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL (Rewa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not familiar with the rules of making speeches in this House, but I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to a very important point. The leader of the House is also sitting here who comes from the area adjoining Rewa and the leader of the opposition Shri Advani is also here. Shri Advani belongs to the party which is in power in Madhya Pradesh these days. I would like to draw the attention of all towards Ambedkar Adivasi Banwasi Nyaya Nagar, Bairiha Bund, Rewa. In this forest area no plantation was done by the department. The Adivasis and Vanwasis with due notice to the concerned authorities started living on an area of about 1000 acres. They began tilling the land. Nothing happened to these people for six months. They had settled on the land after giving due notice. They sowed 40 quintals of linseed there and dug three wells after boring mountainous terrain. These people were completely displaced on 18th January, 1991. Nearly 2500 bicycles, utensils, clothes, goats and hens etc. belonging to these people were taken away by the police and the feudal lords and till now nothing has been returned to them. A Commissioner was sent to that place to make an assessment whether the land was cultivable or not. The Commissioner did not reach there upto 5 p.m. and later the employees of forest department reached there alongwith goondas etc. and forcibly evicted the people. Nearly 40 people